



Dear Residents, Business Owners, and Visitors,

Welcome to the City of Brewer and the City that I love! I hope you will find our website easy to navigate as you learn more about our great City and all of the wonderful amenities that Brewer has to offer!

When you apply for a job, you always hope you've got the credentials to do that job effectively. Through many of my life experiences, here at home and abroad, have all served to prepare me to be your Mayor. I was born, raised, and schooled in Brewer, and have served on many boards and committees with the City of Brewer.

As a retired 1st Sergeant and electrical supervisor in the National Guard for 24 years, I understand the value and importance of being a part of a team. I have found in order to make it in this world, it's a TEAM concept. We do so much better as a team than individually. That TEAM concept, I want you to know, resonates throughout the workings of this great City. After I was first elected to the City Council, I was taken around to the different departments, and it showed me that this is *one heck of a team*. The City is a well-oiled machine that I am very proud of, and it is amazing how it all works! Being a part of the City of Brewer is enjoyable and I am thankful to be a part of it.

One of my personal rules of life that I want to share with you – “If no one ever GIVES any of their time and energy to their fellow man, there will be nothing for anyone to take.” Somebody has to give. I feel that if you are here in Brewer today, there is a good chance that you are a giving person and that is what makes this city work. That is what makes it “a well-oiled machine.”

I've been to many countries around this world while in the military. One of the things sent to me when I was in Iraq was a large zip lock bag with grass clippings, leaves, pinecones, and dirt from Brewer. I would open that bag every day and smell home. My home, my City – I love my City, I always have. NOTHING beats and nothing can compare to driving over that bridge after a deployment overseas and stepping back on to Brewer soil. This has been and will continue to be a great place to raise a family. Our services are second to none and our TEAM is second to none.

Now, I have the following mindset when dealing with issues and concerns. Get It Done. I don't like to leave things hanging – I want to “Get It Done.” Second, after an issue has been taken care of, I want to know, “What's Next?” Don't dwell – always keep moving forward. Finally, “When You Smile, I Smile.” As corny as that may sound, if you come to me with an issue I am going to do my very best to resolve that issue in a positive manner that is fair and equitable for all the parties involved. Therefore, if you are smiling when we are done, then so am I.

In closing, I love this City and I am so very thankful for this opportunity. I am humbled, and I pledge to you that I will give you my very best as your Mayor.

Thank you,

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